

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [042] with the following paragraph to correct the obvious typographical error. No new matter is being added by this amendment.

[042] The device service 46 is associated with the authentication service 42 and the device service 46 automatically authenticates the user with the authentication service 42 whenever the user logs on to the device service 46 with an access device. The set top box 22 illustrated in Figure 3 is also associated with the authentication service 42 in this example. As a result, the authentication manager ~~24-48~~ of the set top box 22 is able to automatically authenticate a user that attempts to access or remotely program the set top box 22 through the authentication service 42 and the user is relieved of having to supply another username and/or password to the set top box 22.